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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT: Purchase of New Weights and Measures Equipment**

A number of counties have called requesting information on the purchase of new Weights and Measures field standards. All new field standards should meet the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 105 series requirements. The tolerances and specifications in the NIST HB 105 series will apply to all new field standards purchased and placed into service after the date of this notice. A field standard in service prior to the date of this notice that has maintained tolerance between certifications will continue to be acceptable.

The current, NIST HB 105 series can be downloaded from the NIST website in PDF format: <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/230/235/labmetrologypage.htm>.

Questions relating to the NIST HB 105 series requirements or the purchase of new field standards not covered by the series may be referred to George Terrell, Measurement Standard Specialist at 916-229-3024 or Greg Boers, Principal State Metrologist at 916-229-3022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike Cleary".

Mike Cleary  
Director

Attachments

cc: Ed Williams, Director, County Liaison Office  
Valerie Brown, Deputy Secretary